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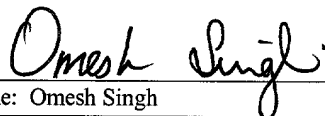
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application filed herewith, please enter the following preliminary amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 4, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 17-23 as follows:

4. (AMENDED) Method according to claim 1, wherein a measured down-web starting position of a quality problem area is marked on the web by an ISO-hole.
9. (AMENDED) System for tracking the position of quality problem areas according to claim 6, wherein said inspection-system makes use of a web length-counter that is synchronized by loading the web length-counter with the relative down web coordinate information, originated from said mark on said web.

11. (AMENDED) System according to claim 9, wherein said inspection-system's web length counter switches automatically from individual counting-mode into synchronized counting-mode after being triggered via acknowledgement of said mark on said web.

12. (AMENDED) System for tracking the position of quality problem areas according to claim 6, wherein said punch control system for ISO-hole punching makes use of a web length-counter that is synchronized by loading the web length-counter with the relative down web position information, originated from said mark on said web.

14. (AMENDED) System according to claim 12, wherein said punch control system's web length-counter switches automatically from individual counting-mode into synchronized counting-mode after being triggered via acknowledgement of said mark on said web.

15. (AMENDED) Photographic paper for application in a system according to claim 6, comprising a photographic base, enclosed by a water repellent coating, on the front side of which base a photosensitive material is applied, and further comprising a plurality of position-indicating marks, characterized in that the plurality of position-indicating marks is applied directly on the photographic base.

17. (AMENDED) Photographic paper according to claim 15, wherein the roll-orientation of a mark is provided by digitized information contained in said mark.

18. (AMENDED) Photographic paper according to claim 15, wherein said marks are not visible for the human eye.

19. (AMENDED) Photographic paper according to claim 15, wherein said marks are applied to the back of the photographic base.

20. (AMENDED) Photographic paper according to claim 15, wherein said marks are applied at regular intervals.

21. (AMENDED) Photographic paper according to claim 15, wherein said marks are spaced at a distance ranging from 10 cm to 20 m.

22. (AMENDED) Photographic paper according to claim 15, wherein said marks are applied by pinstamp techniques, moulding.

23. (AMENDED) Photographic paper according to claim 15, wherein said marks are applied by laser engraving.

REMARKS

The above preliminary amendment is made to remove multiple dependencies from claims 4, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15 and 17-23.

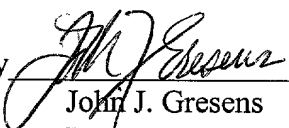
Applicants respectfully request that the preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to examination and consideration of the above-identified application.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' primary attorney-of record, John J. Gresens (Reg. No. 33,112), at (612) 371.5265.

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4. Method according to [any of the preceding claims] claim 1, wherein a measured down-web starting position of a quality problem area is marked on the web by an ISO-hole.

9. System for tracking the position of quality problem areas according to [any of the preceding claims 6-8] claim 6, wherein said inspection-system makes use of a web length-counter that is synchronized by loading the web length-counter with the relative down web coordinate information, originated from said mark on said web.

11. System according to claim 9 [or 10], wherein said inspection-system's web length counter switches automatically from individual counting-mode into synchronized counting-mode after being triggered via acknowledgement of said mark on said web.

12. System for tracking the position of quality problem areas according to [any of the preceding claims 6-11] claim 6, wherein said punch control system for ISO-hole punching makes use of a web length-counter that is synchronized by loading the web length-counter with the relative down web position information, originated from said mark on said web.

14. System according to claim 12 [or 13], wherein said punch control system's web length-counter switches automatically from individual counting-mode into synchronized counting-mode after being triggered via acknowledgement of said mark on said web.

15. Photographic paper for application in a system according to [any of the preceding claims 6-14] claim 6, comprising a photographic base, enclosed by a water repellent coating, on the front side of which base a photosensitive material is applied, and

further comprising a plurality of position-indicating marks, characterized in that the plurality of position-indicating marks is applied directly on the photographic base.

17. Photographic paper according to claim 15 [or 16], wherein the roll-orientation of a mark is provided by digitized information contained in said mark.

18. Photographic paper according to claim 15 [- 17], wherein said marks are not visible for the human eye.

19. Photographic paper according to claim 15 [- 18], wherein said marks are applied to the back of the photographic base.

20. Photographic paper according to claim 15 [- 19], wherein said marks are applied at regular intervals.

21. Photographic paper according to claim 15 [- 20], wherein said marks are spaced at a distance ranging from 10 cm to 20 m.

22. Photographic paper according to claim 15 [- 21], wherein said marks are applied by pinstamp techniques, moulding.

23. Photographic paper according to claim 15 [- 21], wherein said marks are applied by laser engraving.